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FOR HARROP (AF) FROM DICK MOOSE

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: AFRICAN TROOPS IN SHABA

REF: STATE 150529

1. AS WE BEGIN TO CONSULT WITH AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS
ON THE QUESTION OF HOW TO PHASE OUT FOREIGN TROOP
INVOLVEMENT IN SHABA, WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR
WAYS OF STABILIZING THE ANGOLA/ZAIRE BORDER AREA.

ONE APPROACH TO THIS WOULD BE TO SUGGEST THAT THE OAU
CREATE A DEMILITARIZED ZONE (DMZ) ALONG THE ANGOLA/
ZAIRE BORDER. THIS DMZ WOULD BE MONITORED BY A
RELATIVELY SMALL MILITARY GROUP WHICH WOULD BE DRAWN
FROM ALL OAU MEMBER COUNTRIES EXCEPT ANGOLA AND ZAIRE.
THIS CONCEPT WOULD OFFER AN AFRICAN SOLUTION TO AN
AFRICAN PROBLEM AND IT WOULD REDUCE THE LIKLIHOOD OF
SUCCESSFUL CROSS BORDER RAIDS BY EITHER PARTY. IF
SUCCESSFUL, IT COULD SERVE AS A MODEL FOR DEALING WITH
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MANY OF AFRICA'S CHRONIC AND VOLATILE BORDER DISPUTES.

2. IF DEPARTMENT SEES MERIT IN THIS APPROACH, PLEASE
REPEAT THIS CABLE TO THOSE AFRICAN POSTS WHICH WILL BE
INVOLVED IN THE CONSULTATIONS ON THE SHABA TROOP
QUESTION SO THEY CAN PROVIDE THEIR REACTIONS TO IT
AS THEY RESPOND TO REFTTEL.

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